

HOUSE RESOLUTION 216

By Holt

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Anna Johnson on her receipt of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should specially recognize those estimable citizens who have dedicated their time and energies to helping others; and

WHEREAS, each year, 1.6 million Tennessee volunteers give over 137 million hours of community service, contributing \$3.3 billion to Tennessee's economy; and

WHEREAS, these volunteers are the backbone of our communities, and by donating their time and talents to fulfill needs that would otherwise go unmet, they embody the spirit of giving; and

WHEREAS, Anna Johnson of Dresden is one such exemplary person, who is a recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award in recognition of her laudable commitment to her community; and

WHEREAS, a student at Rhodes College, Ms. Johnson graduated as valedictorian of Dresden High School, where she was a member of both the cross country and track teams and served as class president all four years; she is a National Merit Scholar and was a member of Beta Club, serving as vice president her junior year and president her senior year; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to her community, Anna Johnson volunteers with a number of worthy endeavors, including the Weakley County Backpack Program; numerous 5k charity races, including serving on the planning committee for A Rare Run to End ECD; and the Dresden Lion's Den, which encourages academic achievement in the students at Dresden Middle School; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Johnson has served with Bright Lights Volunteers; Best Buddies, which provides opportunities for people with developmental and intellectual disabilities; and the Rhodes College Little Lynx Running Team, which helps establish running teams for children with autism; and

WHEREAS, Anna Johnson is a model citizen; her commitment to helping others through volunteerism epitomizes the spirit of the Volunteer State, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor Anna Johnson for her outstanding community leadership, congratulate her as an esteemed recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.